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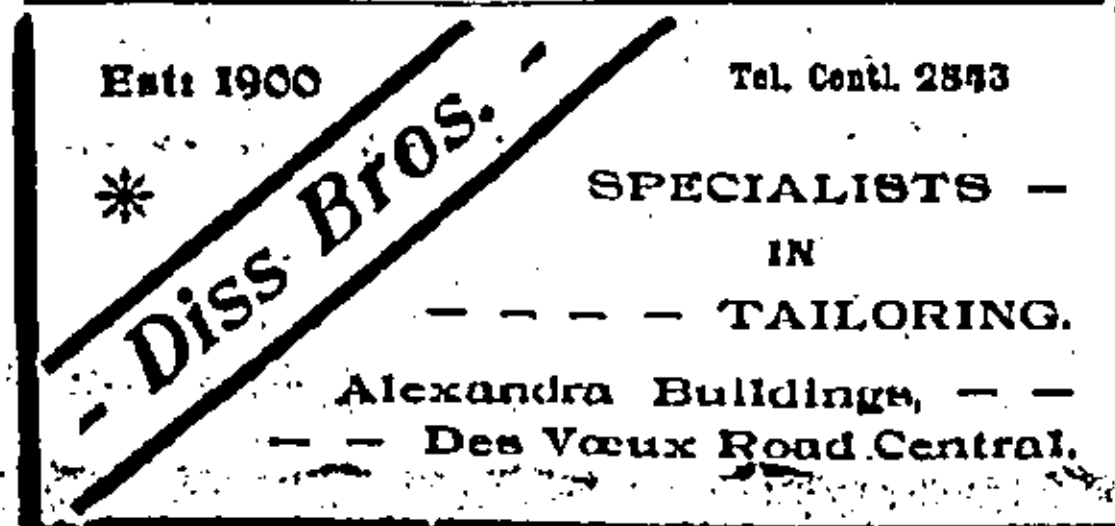
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SOLVING THE NEAR EAST PROBLEM.

MUDANIA CONFERENCE OPENS.

NATIONALISTS ACCEPT ALLIED NOTE PRINCIPLE.

CONSTANTINOPLE, October 4.

A communique issued by the British Headquarters states: "The conference at Mudania opened at three o'clock in the afternoon of Tuesday. It proceeded satisfactorily. Ismet Pasha retained orders to the Nationalist troops to avoid all contact. The nationalists accepted the principle of the allied note."

A communique issued by the French Headquarters states: "Thanks to the conciliatory disposition of both sides at the meeting of allied generals with Ismet Pasha, agreement was reached without difficulty as regards the majority of the articles constituting the basis of the question. The meeting ended at eight o'clock in the evening and will be resumed at ten o'clock in the morning. The Allied generals in the interval exchanged views regarding the non-fundamental objections of the Turkish delegate. The general impression is very satisfactory."

Both communique state that a Greek military mission is expected to-day.

Mustapha Kemal has arrived at Angora.

SETTLEMENT OBSTACLES.

Pressmen were not allowed at the Mudania conference, concerning which the greatest secrecy has been preserved. Two obstacles are indicated by British commentators to day as likely to prevent an immediate settlement of terms for a Turkish and Greek armistice, namely Greek refusal to evacuate Thrace and Turkish insistence on the British withdrawing from Chersak. It is declared that the British attitude in the latter respect has not weakened, while as regards Greece it is believed M. Venizelos insists on the new government recognising the facts of the situation before he will accept a mandate to represent them abroad.

DELICATE SITUATION.

With reference to Greek apprehensions of immediate Turkish occupation of East Thrace, even by gendarmerie as suggested at Constantinople, it is pointed out that the London joint allied note of September 23, laid down that the Allies would administer East Thrace pending settlement by a full conference. Their immediate objective is to secure Greek withdrawal, and they are not likely to tolerate the landing of Turkish forces which would be the swiftest method of setting the Balkans aflame.

The inter-allied commissions to Thrace have already departed. It is hoped they will succeed in pacifying the population pending temporary allied administration.

HOW WAR WAS AVERTED.

LONDON, October 4.

The Manchester Guardian says that when Parliament meets the Independent Liberals will demand the papers covering the dangerous sixteen days since September 15.

The newspaper alleges that the attitude of the British Government completely changed after the Greek revolution, resulting in the statement of September 29 about the ultimatum to Kemal, but General Harington virtually refused to deliver the ultimatum. He was supported in this by Admiral Brock and the High Commissioner, Sir Horace Rumbold. The Independent Liberals consider that General Harington's action saved the Empire from war.

The Manchester Guardian, in an editorial, declares that the present situation is obscure and threatening. Public opinion must be roused to prevent the Government, whose temper is in nowise pacific, from yielding to the temptation to cover up past blunders by committing others which will bring calamity upon the nation.

MUDANIA MEETING'S OBJECTS.

CONSTANTINOPLE, October 2.

General Harington opened the proceedings at Mudania by an address in which he defined the objects of the conference, firstly as cessation of hostilities; secondly as determination of a line behind which the Greeks should be invited to withdraw; also to arrange details for evacuation and handing over the administration to the Turks; and thirdly to pave the way for a peace conference.

The Turks at the beginning showed no interest in the details of the administration until they had tested the Allies' sincerity to restore Thrace, but when it was pointed out that restoration depended on acceptance of the Allied note, Ismet announced that the note was officially accepted in principle. Thereupon M. Charpy drafted a proposal dealing with the administration. The conference sat five hours and broke up in a cheerful atmosphere.

AMERICAN DESTROYER REPORTED BOMBARDED.

LONDON, October 4.

A hitherto unconfirmed semi-official announcement from Athens states that the Turkish bombarded an American destroyer which was shipping refugees to Aivali.

VENIZELLOS SEEKS AMERICA'S INTERVENTION.

LONDON, October 3.

It is understood that M. Venizelos called on the American Ambassador (Colonel Harvey), requesting the United States to intervene in the Near East and to use its influence with the allies to despatch troops to control Thrace until the Christians had evacuated the region.

LENIN BACK.

BRUSSELS, October 4.

A message from Moscow states that the Near Eastern situation and the Urquhart-Krasin agreement are blamed for Lenin's return to work in defiance of medical advice.

PARIS, October 5.

M. Poincare has agreed to receive M. Venizelos on Friday.

REPARATIONS PROBLEM.

BRITISH BANKERS' VIEWS.

HOW TO SAVE THE MARK.

THE DOLLAR.

To-day's closing rate 2/6 13/16.
To-day's opening rate 2/6 13/16.

NEW YORK, October 4.

Addressing the Bankers' Association Convention, Mr. Reginald McKenna, Chairman of the London Joint City and Midland Bank, dealing with reparations and international debts, said that Germany's exports were barely equal to her imports. They furnished no surplus for reparations. He suggested the practicability of the Germans selling their foreign assets, which he estimated at a billion dollars, to the German Government which could hand them over Reparations Commission. No other money payments should be demanded from Germany for at least three years. The result would be to arrest the fall in the mark and generally stabilize exchanges.

INTER-ALLIED DEBTS.

Britain was able to pay the interest and sinking fund of her debt to America, but none of the other debtors were able to meet more than a small part of their external liabilities. He suggested postponement of their payments. A conference of creditors and debtors could enquire into their exportable surplus and ascertain the amount they could ultimately pay.

HOME COALFIELDS.

MINERS' NEW DEMANDS.

OWNERS' £2,000,000 LOSSES.

LONDON, October 4.

A critical position has arisen on the coalfields, in spite of a temporary revival in the export trade owing to the strike in America.

The coalowners declare that nearly £2,000,000 has been lost in the fifteen months since government control ended. The average miners' wages have fallen to between 40 and 50 per cent. above the 1914 figure. Mr. Frank Hodges has declared that wages are 60 points below the cost of living. The miners suggest an extra 3s. per ton on the pithead price of coal in order to secure a living wage.

The owners will not agree that the men are generally so badly off as they have represented. They contend there is not enough revenue to provide a better wage, and further reduction in railway transport charges is the only way to revive trade.

The Executive of the Miners' Federation is discussing the matter in London to-day and will submit its proposals to the National Coal Board to-morrow.

MARKS DOWN AGAIN.

NOW 9,400 TO THE POUND.

FOREIGN SPECULATORS' LOSSES.

LONDON, October 4.

German marks have slumped to 9,400. Another low record is anticipated shortly as the sequel to a restricted inflation. Commercial transactions with Germany are increasingly difficult.

STAGGERING.

LONDON, October 4.

The New York World estimates that 10,000,000 American speculators have invested since the war £240,000,000 in German paper money which to-day is worth no more than £14,000,000.

British losses from the same cause are estimated at £170,000,000.

SHIPPING COMPANY'S DIVIDEND.

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The P. & O. S. N. Co.'s dividend on deferred shares is 6 per cent for six months, tax free, making 12 per cent for the year.

DUTCH CIGAR STRIKE.

FURTHER TROUBLE FEARED.

AMSTERDAM, October 4.

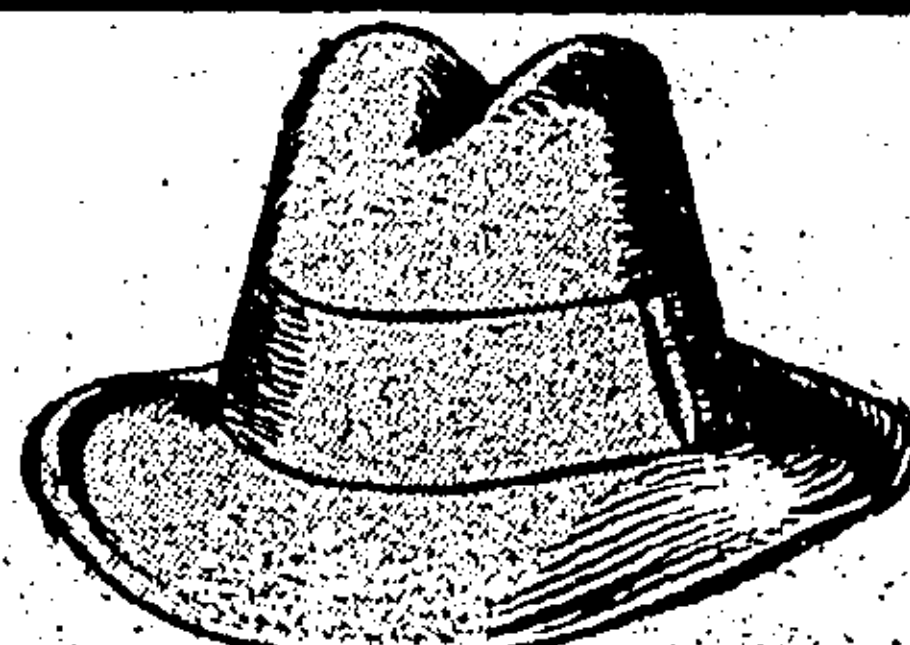
A partial strike has broken out at the port. At present only a few hundred workers are involved, but it is feared the trouble will spread.

All the employers' federations in the cigar industry have decided to close their factories at the end of the week if the workmen do not accept the 48-hour week and the 5 per cent. reduction in wages.

AMSTERDAM, October 4.

The number of strikers has increased to 2,000. There have been no disorders, but police have been reinforced in the neighbourhood of the port.

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The guard challenged, whereupon the men ran to the waiting motor-boat at the end of the pier and jumped in.

As the passengers scattered at the sound of the Customs men's revolvers, the smugglers waved their hands deservingly and disappeared among the shipping in the river. A hail of bullets followed them.

The authorities estimate that the men got away with a dozen bottles each.

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Mr. W. H. E. Neil, of the
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writes to a Straits paper: I am
sending you a description of an
apparently very old boat which I
discovered at Pontian, Pahang, on
September 11.

The remains are situated on the
left of the Pontian River, going up
stream, about one mile distant from
the Kuala. The lie of the boat is at
right angles to the course of the
river, and at all times half of it is
entirely under water. The other
half is covered by sand and water
at high tide, but at low tide the
outline of the hull may be seen
peeping above the sand, exposing the
wood to a depth of about 9 inches
in places. This hull measures
18 ft. wide and 24 ft. in length.

The most interesting feature of the
boat is its construction. Slight ex-
amination has shown that planks form-
ing the hull are tied by (Malay-jik)
fibres to a wooden frame. Every 17
inches projections occur in the planks
from the wood like the Malay
"Dug-out" bearing holes through
which the fibre is threaded and then
tied to the struts of the frame. These
struts occur in pairs and synchronise
with the holes in the projections.
The projections from the upper planks
overlay the lower planks at the join,
and the planks are pulled together by
laces of fibre each side of the projec-
tions.

This system occurred to the depth
of four planks which were exposed by
excavation.

The boat's chief cargo seems to
have been pottery resembling in size
and shape the "Shanghai Jar." In
the exposed half the sand simply
abounds with broken pieces of this
pottery making excavation difficult.

How a craft of this size came to
rest at this point of the River is a
theme for conjecture. At the present
time the larger fishing vessels anchor
in the Kuala, and no boat of any size
ventures as far as the scene of these
remains, the river being shallow.

Malay inhabitants of Pontian say
that the boat became exposed about
two years ago. Some of the older
ones are also convinced that ten or
fifteen years previously the bank of
the river covered this spot, and trees
were growing there, but has since fallen
away revealing these remains.

If the history of the boat can be
accurately determined it may throw
some light on the change which has
taken place in the formation of this
part of the East Coast.

In order to gain more accurate
knowledge of the history of this boat
and its former occupants, excavation
on a large scale is necessary. With
this idea in view I have reported the
discovery to the Director of Museums.

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cure is to use a remedy that will go right to
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SOUND POWER.

A MOTOR DRIVEN BY A
TUNING FORK.

A little motor has been made by a
Canadian L. R. Macdonald, of Mon-
treal, which is driven by sound. The
power of harmonic vibrations has been
known for ages. A tuning fork or
violin string, harmonising exactly with
vibration pitch of a delicate glass may
shatter it to pieces. It has even been
quite seriously argued that when the
walls of Jericho fell before the shouts
of the Israelites and the noise of their
trumpets, it was the sound vibra-
tions that set the walls vibrating
until they tottered and col-
lapsed. But Mr. Macdonald seems
to be the first to put sound in
harness and make it do useful work.

His invention, he says, was born out
of a discovery made while repeating a
familiar experiment in physics, called
"Melde's Experiment." In this a
string running horizontally over a
pulley is attached at one end to a
weight and the other to a tuning fork.
As the fork vibrates, the string,
instead of moving to and fro over the
pulley, as might be expected, vibrates
up and down with a whipping motion.
Against the vibrating spring Mr.
Macdonald put a wooden spool free to
rotate on its axle. The wheel rotated
rapidly. So, in the simplest possible
manner, the tiny reciprocating
motions of the tuning fork were
converted into continuous rotary
motion.

Mr. Macdonald then had only to
arrange for the tuning fork to be kept
constantly vibrating with an electro-
magnet and an alternating current
and his motor was born. In the
perfect design the fork is replaced
by a member of laminated iron,
pivoted above an electro-magnet with
the free end held between two coil
springs. The vibrations are made to
synchronise with the alternations of
the current passing through the
magnet, each alternation, of course,
altering the polarity of the magnet,
and repelling and attracting the iron
in turn. From the free end of the
iron a web belt passes over a pulley,
which is rotated as the spool was in
the inventor's variation of Melde's
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Few people give to the matter of diet
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Flatulence, water brash, and severe
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Including a variety of 5-coloured and 2-coloured Vases and Jars, Wall Plates, Table Screens, Blue and White Vases, Incense Burners, Old Bronze and Brass Figures and Vases, Kinkemonos, Lacquered Cabinets, Chairs, Screens, Tables, Ivory Ware, Jades, Agates and Crystal Ornaments, Mandarin Pipes.

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Hongkong, October 3, 1922.

G. R.

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on

TUESDAY, WEDNESDAY AND THURSDAY,

the 17th, 18th and 19th October, 1922, at 11 A.M. NAVAL YARD, Hongkong, and KOWLOON NAVAL DEPOT, commencing each day at 9.30 a.m. with an interval from 12 noon to 1.30 p.m.

Old and Surplus Naval Stores,

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Also A quantity of Structural Steelwork, comprising Stanchions, Beams, Struts, &c., and sundry other Steelwork, Reinforcing Pipes, Gutter, &c.

Lots may be inspected on Monday, the 10th October, 1922.

Also sale of Old and Surplus Victualling Stores, at Kowloon on Friday, 20th October, comprising:—

Condensed Beef, Condensed Provisions for poultry or pigs food, Remnants of lard, &c., Swimming Belts and Covers, Razors, Mo's Gear, &c.

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that an Extraordinary General Meeting of LANE, CRAWFORD LIMITED will be held at the Office of the Hong Kong Hotel Co., Ltd., Powell's Building, Des Voeux Road Central, Victoria in the Colony of Hongkong, on MONDAY, the 2nd day of October, 1922, at 12 o'clock noon for the purpose of considering and, if thought fit, approving the draft new Articles of Association of the Company which will be submitted to the meeting.

A print of such draft new Articles and a print of the existing Articles of the Company may be seen at the Registered Office of the Company, Royal Building, Victoria aforesaid, and at the Office of Messrs. DEACON, LOCKER, DEACON & HANSTON, 1 Des Voeux Road Central, Victoria aforesaid, and the portions of the proposed new Articles which differ from the existing Articles are indicated by being underlined in red.

Should the meeting approve of such new Articles of Association, with or without modification, the subjoined Resolution will be proposed as an Extraordinary Resolution, namely:—

"That the new Articles already approved by this Meeting and for the purpose of identification subscribed by the Chairman thereof be and the same are hereby adopted as the Articles of the Company to the exclusion of and in substitution for all the existing Articles thereof."

AND NOTICE IS HEREBY ALSO GIVEN that a further Extraordinary General Meeting of the Company will be held at the same place on TUESDAY, the 17th day of October, 1922, at 9.30 o'clock in the forenoon, for the purpose of receiving a report of the proceedings at the above mentioned Meeting and of confirming, if thought fit, as a Special Resolution, the above mentioned Resolution.

Dated this 15th day of September 1922.

By Order of the Board,

S. J. JORDAIN,

Secretary.

NOTICE.**THE DAIRY FARM, ICE & COLD STORAGE CO., LTD.****NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.**

THE TWENTY-SIXTH ORDINARY ANNUAL MEETING of Shareholders in the above Company will be held at the Company's Town Office, 2 Lower Albert Road, Hongkong, on THURSDAY, 12TH DAY OF OCTOBER 1922 at noon for the purpose of presenting the Report of the Directors and Statement of Accounts to 31st July 1922.

THE TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be closed from 1st to 12th October 1922, both days inclusive.

By Order,

M. MANUK,

Secretary.

Hongkong, September 25, 1922.

G. R.

J. B. LAL,

THE ABLE INDIAN PHYSICIAN FROM SINGAPORE.

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ESTATE OF THE LATE T. O. WILKEN.

ALL Outstanding Accounts in connection with the above estate should be sent at once to the undersigned c/o "China Mail" office.

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THE ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of the above Company will be held at the Company's Office, 20, Des Voeux Road Central on THURSDAY, the 5th of October 1922, at Noon.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be closed from the 22nd of September to 5th of October both days inclusive.

DOUGLAS LAPRAIK & CO.,

General Managers.

Hongkong, September 14, 1922.

PEAK HOSPITAL.**WANTED.** fully qualified**MATRON** for Peak Hospital from 1st January, 1923.

Applications should be addressed to the undersigned before October 10th, 1922, and should be supported by recommendations from two medical practitioners in China or Hongkong.

By Order,

D. K. BLAIR,

Secretary & Treasurer

PEAK HOSPITAL COMMITTEE.

Hongkong, September 19, 1922.

PEAK HOSPITAL.**WANTED.** in March 1923, threefully qualified **NURSES** for the Peak Hospital.

Apply stating qualifications and particulars of experience to the undersigned.

By Order,

D. K. BLAIR,

Secretary & Treasurer,

PEAK HOSPITAL COMMITTEE.

Hongkong, September 19, 1922.

PUBLIC AUCTION.**G. R.****PUBLIC AUCTION.**

PARTICULARS AND Conditions of the letting by Public Auction Sale, to be held on TUESDAY, the 10th day of October, 1922, at 3 p.m., at the Office of the Public Works Department, by order of His Excellency the Officer Administering the Government of one LOT OF CROWN LAND at Magazine Gap Road in the Colony of Hongkong, for a term of 75 years, with the option of renewal at a Crown Rent to be fixed by the Surveyor of His Majesty the King, for one further term of 75 years.

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ATTACKED BY A COW.**WOMAN NARROWLY ESCAPES BEING GORED.**

Mrs. Emily Nicholls, aged seventy-one, and her daughter, Mrs. Henrietta Head, both living at The Hermitage, Nettleswell, Essex, were furiously attacked by a cow while walking along a public footpath leading to Nettleswell Church.

The animal tried to gore Mrs. Head and knocked her down. One of its horns pierced her hat, and this undoubtedly saved her from more serious injury. It then turned its attention to the old lady, and knocked her down. Their cries brought some men to the rescue, and the animal was driven off.

Both ladies suffered from shock and were very badly bruised, and medical attention was necessary.

The only explanation the owner of the cow could give was that three days previously it had given birth to its first calf.

CAPTAIN'S PREDICAMENT.**A SHIP ON HIS HANDS AND NO MONEY.**

Owing to the unprecedented fall of shipping values and the entire lack of freights some very extraordinary cases have been brought to the notice of the Imperial Merchant Service Guild. Perhaps the most peculiar of all, however, has arisen in connection with the appointment of one of their captain members who commanded a vessel some time ago.

The captain proceeded to join his vessel in the Mediterranean, and on arrival found that the crew, who were Russian, the vessel having previously been owned by that country, in a state bordering upon mutiny. No wages had been paid to them for a long period, and it seemed extremely probable that they would refuse to sail in the vessel. Full payment was, however, promised them on arrival at their next port by a representative of the company who was present, and on this understanding the voyage was made. On arrival in that port, however, the money was not forthcoming, and the crew eventually entered legal action against the ship for wages due. Judgment was given in their favour for wages claims.

The mortgagees also then took possession of the ship, and had the vessel transferred to their ownership. It did not take them very long, however, to decide that, in view of the enormous liabilities incurred by the ship, the matter was going to turn out far from a profitable one from their point of view, and they accordingly decided to abandon the vessel. This left the captain in a most extraordinary position, as not only had the ship no legal owner, but the agency service was also withdrawn, and no food or stores could be obtained from the local shipchandlers, who already had bills amounting to approximately \$1,000 against the ship.

PLACED FACTS BEFORE NAUTICAL SOCIETY.

Apart from the fact that it would seem extremely improbable that there would be any likelihood of his obtaining various sums due for his own services and certain disbursements, the position of the captain was an unfortunate one, as he was unable to obtain any instructions with regard to the disposal of the vessel, nor advice as to who should be held responsible for any expenses incurred. In these circumstances he lost no time in placing the full facts before the Guild, of which organization he was a member, with the result that representations made by them to the mortgagees assured the captain of his full pay and maintenance during the time he remained by the ship pending her sale. This in itself relieved his anxieties very considerably, and on the sale being completed he returned to England his passage and expenses in this regard being paid by the mortgagees, who also very promptly settled all outstanding claims he had against the ship from the time they first took possession.

There still remained, however, his charges against the former owners, and this matter also was taken up by the Guild's solicitors. As a result of their representations a portion of the money was paid to him immediately, and an admission obtained that the captain's claim was a just one, and that he ranked as a creditor against the ship and also against the company in the event of liquidation proceedings being entered into. Thus ended very satisfactorily a most complicated and, indeed, possibly unprecedented chain of circumstances.

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Feet, — Ngau Kuen	18	10	12
Kidneys, — Ngau Yiu	12	10	12
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A PERSON FOR WHOM YOUR PAL WILL APPRECIATE

The China Mail.

"TRUTH, JUSTICE, PUBLIC SERVICE"

HONGKONG, THURSDAY, OCT. 5, 1922.

WE ALL PAY.

Another one of them got away this week, aided (it is said) by the clergy: got away, moreover, in spite of the summons out against him. We could publish his name—it would surprise you. We could also estimate the amount. Why don't we? Well, now he's gone no useful purpose would be served. It would simply mean washing dirty linen in public. He's gone. That ends the matter. The traders he tricked must bear their loss with the best grace they can.

Hongkong harbours many people like Thacker's Sir Pitt Crawley who had "an almost invincible repugnance to paying anybody and could only be brought by force to discharge his debts." Unfortunately for local traders, however, ways of applying force here are very limited. There is no Court, of course, but naturally within a small white community among a large Asiatic population they are reluctant to have recourse to the law, especially in view of the exalted positions held by some of the worst offenders.

Furthermore, the biggest defaulters are those who usually make good their debts in the Colony before they leave. The trader knows. Some of them, of course, are of the "I'll pay you when I get home" type, but the improvidence and the temptation of easy credit. There are, though, who deliberately make heavy purchases never intending to pay for them. They have planned to leave the Colony before payment is sought. Shipping companies make it a rule not to send the newspaper passenger lists until the steamer has sailed. It is therefore

easy enough to buy goods to day, order the bill to be sent later, and sail away to-morrow. And you would be surprised to hear how often it is done. Moreover, you would be surprised to hear by whom it is often done.

Now, the financial loss apart, these little incidents have very serious effects. First they breed distrust with the European traders. Then, what is still more serious, they damage the white man's prestige with the Chinese. Naturally the Chinese are heavy losers. It is delicate enough for a European firm to inform a customer, holding a good commercial or official position (say), that his credit is doubtful. For a Chinese firm in most cases it is almost impossible. With these incidents happening nearly every day, the loss our prestige suffers with the Chinese can be guessed.

But the purely financial loss must not be ignored: it is far too big to be lightly discounted. Every sound trading concern makes provision for bad debts. If those bad debts are heavy then the business must find the money to cover them. Here the bad debts are startling. They amount to thousands annually. Unless the business is to close down because its legitimate profits are swamped by bad debts, that annual loss must be recovered from the consumer. That means that the whole community suffers. In other words, when you buy anything you are also paying a small margin extra to cover the debt the man next to you never intends to pay. Simple, isn't it?

We have pointed the evil, now we will point the remedy. Drastic measures are required, but, unfortunately, owing to peculiar local conditions, it is difficult to enforce the most drastic cure. That is a trade protection society organized exactly as it would

be organized in a Home city. What we suggest, however, is a trade protection society with just enough scope to cope with the evil itself. This must embrace the Chinese. It has been argued that a trade protection society here would lower the white community's dignity with the Chinese. It could not possibly lower it as quickly as do the present repeated impudent frauds, for that is what most of them are.

GARRISON TENNIS.

DOUBLES CHAMPIONSHIP.

YESTERDAY'S MATCHES.

On the tennis courts at Happy Valley yesterday afternoon, the Officers of the Garrison were "at home" to their friends, when the semi-finals and final of the Garrison Challenge Doubles Championship competition were played.

H. E. the G. O. C., Major-General Sir John Fowler, K.C.M.G., C.B., D.S.O., and Lady Fowler were among the large gathering which witnessed the matches. The men of the Services were there in full force, and every one greatly enjoyed the afternoon's sport. The Band of the King's Regiment was in attendance and played during the tea interval between the semi-finals and final games. As was anticipated, the Champion hip was won by Pearson and Townsend of the Royal Engineers, but Haynes and Foster of the R.A.O.C. the other finalists, gave them a close game which brought plenty of excitement.

THE SEMI FINALS.

The semi-finals resulted as under:—Q.M.S. Foster and S. Sgt. Haynes (R.A.O.C.) beat Sgt. Holloway and Gr. Henwood (R.E.A.), 6-3, 6-1.

G.S.M. Pearson and Sgt. Townsend (R.E.) beat S.M. Stroud and Spr. Lansley (R.A.S.C.), 6-4, 6-2.

THE FINAL.

The final was well contested. Mr. H. A. Nesbit performing the duties of umpire.

The first set went to 4 all, and Pearson and Townsend taking the next two games won the set 6-4.

The second set saw the first 2 games go to the R.E. pair after a couple of deuces. Haynes and Foster took the third game but the R.E. pair winning four games in succession took the set 6-1.

The third set opened in favour of Foster and Haynes, but Townsend and Pearson took the next and the score was one all.

Haynes and Foster had two wins, making the score 3 to 1 in their favour.

Townsend and Pearson took the next three and then a rally by the R.A.O.C. pair enabled them to take the next three games and win the set 6-4.

The fourth set commenced with a win for the R.E. pair after deuce, and Foster and Haynes took the second.

The third game went to R.E. after which the R.A.O.C. pair were seen to advantage winning 4 games in succession and the score sheet read 5 games to 2 in their favour.

Foster lost his service game and the ninth game was stubbornly contested, the R.A.O.C. taking it to deuce and with advantage it required only an ace to win the set. However, after 3 deuces the R.E. pair won and taking the next game the score was called "games all."

Foster and Haynes took the 11th and the R.E. pair the 12th, 6 all.

Townsend and Pearson took the next 2, the last game going to deuce, and won the Championship by 6-4, 6-1, 4-6, 8-6.

PRIZE DISTRIBUTION.

At the conclusion of play Lady Fowler presented the prizes.

Challenge Cup and Winners Cup: S.M. Pearson and Townsend, R.E. Runners up Cups: Q.M.S. Foster and S. Sgt. Haynes (R.A.O.C.)

Garrison Tennis League Shield: R.E. "A" team, each member of the team received a silver cup. Runners-up: R.A.O.C.

Col. Butterworth, R.E. President, Garrison Recreation Club Committee, called for three cheers for Lady Fowler, which were heartily given.

The arrangements for the Garrison Challenge Doubles were ably carried out by Major Hocking, D.S.O., R.E.A. The Band of the 2nd King's Regt. under Bandmaster Hensley, was in attendance.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

One case of cerebro spinal fever, English, and one of diphtheria, Chinese, were notified yesterday.

The Exchange Banks will be closed for the transaction of public business on Monday, October 9 (Bank Holiday.)

Mr. Tjia Mah Jan, of Cholon, Cochinchina, gives notice of ceasing business in connection with the Ban Yuan firm, in an advertisement in this issue.

Intending competitors for the V. R. C. harbour race, are reminded that entries close at 6 p.m., to-morrow. The ladies' race takes place on October 9, and the men's on October 10, commencing at 5 p.m., each day.

Calcutta journalism suffers a heavy loss in the retirement of Mr. J. A. Sandbrook, editor of the *Englishman*, who has conducted that paper with great ability and success during the past twelve years. After a brief holiday he will rejoin his old paper, the *Western Mail* of Cardiff. Until he came out to India in 1910, Mr. Sandbrook's sphere of activity had lain entirely in South Wales, opening in Swansea and closing in Cardiff. He also did his "bit" twenty years ago, serving with the Welsh Regiment in the South African War. Apart from his journalistic activities, Mr. Sandbrook has been a popular social figure in Calcutta, and he will be greatly missed, says the *Statesman*.

The second number of the Hongkong University Magazine has just been issued. It is a bright and joyous production, interesting not only to the students themselves but also to a wider public. Unlike most similar ventures, this magazine suffers from no dearth of contributions. Indeed, we have the Editor's word that he received more articles than he had room to publish. He has used his discrimination wisely, for most of those accepted, prose and verse, are extremely creditable. The improvement this second issue shows over the first promises a long and successful life for the magazine.

After many months of ill-health, of Mr. Reginald Bate, F.R.G.S., late R.N., one of the proprietors, and until quite recently Editor of the *North China Daily Mail*, and the *North China Sunday Times*, died at Tientsin on September 20. Mr. Bate resigned his commission in the Royal Navy during the South African War, in order to join the Irish Horse. After the war he entered the employment of the Consolidated Gold Field Company in the Transvaal, and it was while there that he met and married Miss Gipsy Maclear, daughter of the Astronomer Royal at Cape Town. It was in 1906 that he first came out to China as a civilian, joining the firm of Bush Bros. in Newchwang, to act as personal secretary to Mr. Harry Bush, and Secretary to the Cathay Mining Syndicate. He adopted journalism as a career in 1911. Some of our readers may remember that previous to the Great War, Mr. Bate displayed great keenness in organizing the Far Eastern Branch of the Legion of Frontiersmen, of which he was Commandant in this part of the world. Mr. Bate leaves a widow and son. The boy is at the C.I.M. School, Chefoo.

AT THE REVOLVER'S POINT.

PORTUGUESE LADY FORCED TO HELP ROBBER.

Mrs. F. da Silva, residing at No. 1, Ningpo Street, was alone in the house about 12.15 p.m., yesterday, when a knock came at the street door. Immediately the door was opened, a Chinese rushed in. Producing a revolver, he ordered Mrs. Silva to keep quiet, and after closing the door behind him, made her lead the way to her bedroom. In the room the intruder assured Mrs. Silva that she would not be injured if she did what she was told. He then demanded the key of the wardrobe. This Mrs. Silva handed over. The man scattered the wardrobe's contents about the floor. Finding a cash box, he ordered the terrified lady to open it, and helped himself to \$93 in cash. Not satisfied with this, he demanded more money. Just then the door bell rang. Leaving Mrs. Silva, the robber dashed into the yard and escaped by the back door. Mrs. Silva could not say who rang the front door bell. She looked over the verandah but could see no one at the door. She thinks the robber must have had an accomplice posted outside the house, who rang the bell as a prearranged signal to get away. Mrs. Silva blew a whistle. The police arrived, but no trace of the robber or his supposed accomplice could be found.

DETERMINED SUICIDE.

HANGED IN POLICE CELL.

INQUEST ON PRISONER.

Some time ago a case was reported of a prisoner kept in a police cell awaiting trial on a small larceny charge, committing suicide at the Tsimshatani Police Station by hanging himself with his trousers. The legs of the trousers were fastened to the grating of the sky light above the cell door, and placing his neck in the loop thus formed, the prisoner hung, only a couple of feet from the ground, and within easy reach of the cell door had he wished to free himself. The extraordinary will power required for such a form of suicide led to the belief formed by some that it was a case of auto-suggestion.

Yesterday afternoon, Mr. R. E. Lindell as Coroner, and a Jury composed of Messrs. T. P. Sherman, (foreman), Yung Tze-ming and R. M. Omar, held an inquiry into the death of the prisoner.

Dr. Smalley, Government Medical Officer of Kowloon and the New Territories, said that on the afternoon of the 19th ult. he went to the Water Police Station, in response to a telephone call, and found the deceased lying dead in one of the cells with a mark round his neck. A post-mortem examination showed that death was due to strangulation.

In reply to the Coroner, the witness said it was possible for the man to tie the legs of his trousers to a bar of the grating by climbing on top of a tub in the cell and then put his neck into the loop so formed and kick away the tub.

S. T. H. E. Lungley, of the Water Police, said he was on charge-room duty on the 19th inst. The deceased was alone in No. 1 cell and there was another prisoner in No. 2 cell. Between 8 a.m. and 12 noon witness visited the cells twice and found everything in order. In the afternoon witness visited the cells at 4.45 p.m., and again, everything was all right. There were two Chinese constables on duty in the charge-room. Their instructions were to visit the cells at regular intervals, but there was no constable actually on cell duty. At 3.50 p.m. witness was relieved by Sergeant Joy. About that time he had instructed a Chinese constable to count the prisoners in the cells in order to make up his prisoners' record before going off duty. A few seconds later the constable came running back and made a report in consequence of which witness visited No. 1 cell and there found the deceased hanging from the grating above the door. He had taken off his trousers and a cord tied them to the grating above the cell door.

The Coroner: How had he got up so high?—Witness: In the left-hand corner of the cell there was a bucket. He may possibly have stood on this and from there reached the grating and then swung himself off the bucket. The noose was quite loose. Continuing, witness said that Sergeant Joy held the body while he cut it down. It was still warm, but dead.

After the Chinese constable had deposed to finding the deceased hanging by his neck, Sub Inspector Shannon said the deceased was arrested on September 18 for stealing a ladder from the Kowloon Theatre. He was remanded by the Magistrate the same morning for further enquiries, after having pleaded guilty. Deceased was cheerful all the morning and gave the police all the information required.

Inspector Angus, in charge of the Water Police Station said that constables on charge room duty had instructions to visit the cells at regular intervals of half an hour.

The Coroner in summing up, said there seemed to be no doubt as to the cause of death. The only point was whether or not the Jury was satisfied with the police precautions. If they considered that this casualty could not have been prevented they would return a plain verdict of suicide. If they desired to add any comment to their verdict they were at liberty to do so.

After a brief absence the Jury returned a verdict of suicide to which they added the following rider:—

"That the bars of the cells above the doorway and also where the cross bars intersect the vertical bars should be protected on the inside by fine mesh netting of considerable strength to prevent occupants of the cells in future taking a similar course to that outlined in the present case."

Monday, October 9, being a General Holiday, the Imports and Exports Office will open for all purposes from 9 a.m. to 12 noon only. Licensed warehouses will be entirely closed.

DOUGLAS STEAMSHIP COY.

A SATISFACTORY YEAR.

DESPITE MANY HANDICAPS.

A satisfactory result in view of the world-wide trade depression, was the Chairman's summing up of the thirty-ninth year's working of the Douglas Steamship Company Limited at the ordinary general meeting held this morning.

Mr. H. P. White presided and there were present: Messrs D.G.M. Burnrd and W. E. Clarke and the Hon. Mr. A. O. Lang (consulting committee), Mr. C. L. Farmer (Secretary) and the following shareholders: Messrs. S. T. Williamson, W. E. L. Shenton, P. C. Potts, G. W. Barton, J. E. Gomes and Chan King Yue.

Reviewing the year's work, the Chairman said, "Gentlemen,—The report and accounts having been in your hands for some time, I will with your permission take them and the report of the auditors as read, and I trust the proposed distribution of profits and allocations made from the Reserve Fund will have the approval of shareholders."

The result of the year's working may I think be viewed satisfactorily in face of the world wide depression in trade and the dislocation of coastal business caused by strikes and other economic local disturbances that have taken place during the period under review, and the continued unsettled political condition of China.

As you will gather from the accounts, "Hailong" which was purchased in 1920 to take the place of "Haitan", has been sold as it was found that she was too expensive to run profitably and advantage was taken of what must be considered as an extremely good offer to dispose of her. The amount appearing in the profit and loss account as loss on her sale is a book loss only, as a good proportion of the amount realized still remains in sterling and should exchange prove favourable this loss will be minimized or wiped out.

Since the closing of the accounts the s.s. "Tangus" (renamed "Hailong") has been purchased at a moderate figure and as she is economical in working and has fair speed, with the additional passenger accommodation that has been installed, she should prove a useful addition to the company's fleet either for its regular trade or for chartering purposes.

Company's Wharf.—The agreement with the lessor of the foreshore rights expires in 1927 and an opportunity of purchasing these rights having occurred, the general managers with the approval of the consulting committee have taken advantage of this as the ownership of the wharf is of vital importance to the company's interests and moreover it is a valuable asset.

A portion of the cost of purchase appears in the past year's accounts under the heading of additions made during the year and in this connection I may state that the east side of wharf has been sublet at a good rental for 3 months with the prospect of extension of lease.

Regarding the outlook for the current year, although the terrible disaster to the Port of Swatow in August temporarily disorganized trade with that Port, the wonderful recuperative faculties of the Chinese has quickly asserted itself and business is recovering and the Company's earnings for the first quarter are satisfactory.

I now beg to propose the adoption of the report and accounts as presented and after this has been seconded will be pleased to answer any question that shareholders may desire to ask.

Mr. W. E. L. Shenton seconded the resolution and it was carried unanimously.

On the motion of Mr. P. C. Potts seconded by Mr. Chan King Yue, Messrs. D. G. M. Bernard and W. E. Clarke and the Hon. Mr. A. O. Lang were re-elected members of the consulting committee. The Hon. Mr. A. R. Lowe and Mr. O. Bernard Brown were unanimously re-elected auditors, at a remuneration of \$500 a year each, on the motion of Mr. S. T. Williamson seconded by Mr. J. E. Gomes.

That concluded the business of the meeting and the Chairman, in thanking the shareholders for attending, mentioned that dividend warrants were now ready and might be had upon application.

THE KOWLOON THEATRE.

Two big attractions are offered at the Kowloon Theatre this evening. One is the screening of "The U.P. Trail," a fine film adaptation of the famous novel by Zola Grey. The other is the supplementing of the ordinary picture programme by several ballet numbers which will be contributed by Miss Juri Thomas, a talented ballerina. She will appear in a number of classical dances, the music for which will be provided by Professor Valdemir.

PORTUGUESE CELEBRATIONS.

TWELFTH ANNIVERSARY OF THE REPUBLIC.

To-day is the 12th anniversary of the founding of the Portuguese Republic and the Colony's Portuguese Community is commemorating the event in no uncertain manner. Last night a ball was held at the Club de Recreio, Kowloon, when a large number of Portuguese residents and friends attended, enjoying themselves to the full.

The excellent Jazz band of the s.s. "President Jackson" discoursed sweet and other sounds and helped not a little in the undoubted success of the evening. Dancing was carried on until a late hour.

The grounds were dotted with supper tables and an electric colour scheme of exquisite beauty dominated the whole. Unfortunately rain set in and the best laid schemes of the Committee, in so far as the supper arrangement were concerned, were brought to naught. Undaunted, or rather, undamped by this, the yeoman efforts of the President of the Club, Mr. E. V. M. R. de Sousa, and the members of the Committee, speedily brought order out of what might well have been chaos, and the creature comforts of all were attended to under cover and without stint. Amongst those present were the Portuguese Consul.

At 5 p.m. to-day there will be a distribution of sports prizes at the Club de Recreio, and at 9 p.m. and onwards a Grand Ball at the Club Lusitano.

CONSUL'S RECEPTION.

At 11 o'clock this morning the Portuguese Consul General, Senhor C. d'Albuquerque e Castro, was at home to local officials, the Consular Corps, and the members of the Portuguese Community at the Club Lusitano. He received the congratulations of a large gathering of friends, including Capt. Neville, A.D.C., representing H. E. the Officer Administering the Government; the Hon. Mr. A. G. M. Fletcher, Colonial Secretary, representing the Government of Hongkong; Hon. Mr. J. H. Kemp, K.C., Attorney-General; Mr. W. H. Gale, Consul-General for the United States; Mr. P. Kremer, Consul-General for France; Capt. Petrucci, Consul-General for Italy, the other members of the Consular Body, Mr. A. E. B. Silva-Netto, President of the Club Lusitano, Mr. P. Botelho, the recently appointed Portuguese Vice-Consul, Mr. E. V. M. R. de Sousa, Mr. A. M. L. Soares, Chief, J. M. Alves and other members of the Portuguese community of Hongkong.

The toast "The President of the Portuguese Republic" and "The King" were proposed by Senhor d'Albuquerque e Castro, and enthusiastically honoured, after which the gathering gradually dispersed.

NORTH CHINA POLITICS.

PEKING, Oct. 4. "Little" Hu has joined Han Chung-chih at Yenping, while the Mukden General Wang Yung-shan has also linked up with Han Chung-chih.

The attitude of Wang Shen-chien is doubtful, and Li Chou-chi has sent a delegate to sound the latter.—Reuter.

SIR BEILBY ALSTON.

PEKING, Oct. 4. Li Yuan-hung gave a farewell banquet to Sir Beilby Alston to-day. All the Cabinet Ministers, Mr. W. W. Yen, Mr. Wang Tshieh and other prominent Chinese were present.—Reuter.

"THE DEVIL" AT THE CORONET.

Hongkong is invited to go to "The Devil"—at the Coronet to-night. In every respect it is a superlative picture. Mr. George Arlino, the noted American actor, gives a great performance in the chief role and, supported by a brilliant company, he makes the setting one of the most remarkable features of a truly remarkable picture. Many of the settings are beautiful and bizarre, notably, "The Devil's bal masque" at which a unique "Dance of Hades" is presented. The Devil himself figures as a polished villain who delights in wrecking the lives of those who trust him, and the manner in which he meets his defeat, makes a story that could not fail to arouse the interest of the most blasé picturegoer that ever went to see a picture.

TO-DAY'S CABLES.

(Reuter's Service to the China Mail.)

REBIRTH OF A NATION.

AUSTRIA'S NEW CHANCE.

GENEVA, October 4.
The rebirth of a nation was the keynote of the speeches at the public meeting of the League unanimously approving plan for financial reconstruction of Austria, the unbounded cordiality of the delegates with the public applauding consistently, sympathetic speeches indicating that the problem has finally received solution to the general satisfaction of Austria and the whole of Europe.
Earl Balfour was delighted with the League's solution and hoped Austria would again become a great factor in European civilisation.

TWENTY MILLION WORKERS.

LABOUR'S WORLD CONFERENCE.

AMSTERDAM, October 4.
The International Federation of Trade Unions, claiming to represent 20,000,000 workers has summoned a world peace conference for December 10, to which all peace, cooperative and labour organisations, including rival internationalists, are being invited.

EINSTEIN'S SOLAR ECLIPSE.

AUSTRALIAN PHOTOGRAPHS GOOD.

MELBOURNE, October 4.
Photographs of the solar eclipse taken by the Lick observatory party are described as very good. They show eighty five stars some of which were measurable but the calculation of the results will require considerable time.

AIR LINER PLAN.

ACROSS THE ATLANTIC.

LONDON, October 4.
Trans-Atlantic air liners 900 feet long, with capacity for a hundred passengers, a speed of 100 miles, and luxuriously equipped, are features of plans drafted by a wealthy American corporation now being canvassed in London with a view to securing British cooperation. It is suggested that the scheme might be run in conjunction with the scheme for services between Britain, India and Australia which if consummated would thus link up three quarters of the globe.

LEAGUE OF NATIONS.

CHINA'S INTERESTS.

LONDON, October 5.
Mr. Chao Hsin-chu, interviewed by Reuter on his return from Geneva, expressed the Chinese delegation's satisfaction with the re-election of China as a non permanent member of the Council of the League, which was partly due to the delegation's resolution regarding the allocation of seats in accordance with the principle of geographical representation, China being naturally selected to represent Asia.
Mr. Chao Hsin-chu referred to the good feeling manifested by all the delegates at Geneva towards Mr. Wellington Koo. He described the delegation's efforts as regards opium and said China's reservation regarding the maintenance of a naval force sufficient to defend her long coast would be discussed at the international naval disarmament conference to be summoned shortly by the Council of the League.

REPARATIONS COMMISSION.

FRANCE'S NEW DELEGATE.

PARIS, October 5.
It is confirmed that M. Poincare will ask M. Barthou to succeed M. Dubois on the Reparations Commission. This involves slight reconstruction of the Cabinet. M. Dubois resigned reportedly owing to a difference with M. Poincare.

HONGKONG'S LABOUR GUILDS.

BAKERS ASK FOR HIGHER WAGES.

Members of the "Hip Tsun Kung Wui," the Guild comprising the employees of restaurants supplying other than Chinese meals, houseboys, cooks, etc., employed in European residences and hotels, have asked for increases in pay with shorter hours. The houseboys and cooks were not originally concerned with the present demand. They are now in sympathy with the other members of their Guild.

The scale of increase asked for is as follows:—
For those earning \$10 per month or under, 60 per cent.
For those earning between \$10 and \$20, 50 per cent.
For those earning between \$20 and \$30, 40 per cent.
For those earning over \$30, 30 per cent, and a minimum wage of \$2 per month to be paid to small boy beginners.

The demands also stipulate a working day of nine hours, except in coffee-shops where the men want \$2 per day. Stipulations are also made as to holidays and extra pay for making bread in the last month of the Chinese Year. The Guild also insists that members cannot be dismissed without reasonable grounds and efficient substitutes must be engaged to fill vacancies. Apprentices are not to be employed where there are less than ten men working.
The employers have solicited the aid of the Secretary for Chinese Affairs and a conference between representatives of both sides has been held. Agreement has not yet been reached. Native cloth dyers have also presented a petition to their masters for better rates of pay.
The night soil collectors of the Colony have succeeded in obtaining the S.G.A.'s approval for the formation of a Guild. It is named "Yeh Heung Kung Wui" which means "Evening Primrose Labour Guild."

MR. HUSTON AT CANTON.

Mr. Huston United States Assistant Secretary of Commerce, will stay in Canton for two days. The officials there have planned to give him a welcome. The programme includes a dinner in his honour at Shamen tomorrow when he will be the guest of the American residents. Tomorrow night he will be entertained at dinner at the Civil Governor's Yamen by H. E. Chan Chik-yu. Mr. Chan I'm pak, the chairman of the Canton Chamber of Commerce will entertain Mr. Huston at his residence in the Western Suburb. Mr. Huston leaves Canton on Saturday for Hongkong.

GIRL JUMPS OFF PRAYA.

INDIAN CONSTABLE'S PROMPT RESCUE.

A Chinese girl living in Sheklong-chai, attempted to commit suicide yesterday by jumping into the harbour from the praya wall opposite the Harbour Office. An Indian constable who saw the girl's action immediately jumped in after her and managed to keep her afloat until both were picked up by the Harbour Office boatmen. The girl was taken to the hospital.

A demonstration of a patent fire-extinguisher known as "Fire-foam," will be held on the vacant space in front of the Hongkong Club tomorrow (Friday) at 4 p.m.

The Canton Times reports that the launch "Nan Ho" was held up by pirates just after it had left Swatow harbour on September 20. Over \$10,000 was taken from the 200 passengers.
To celebrate the Mid-Autumn Festival the Canton Military authorities are giving a gratuity of 20 cents to each N.C.O. and 15 cents to each private soldier.

TO-DAY'S ADVERTISEMENTS.

IMPORTS AND EXPORTS OFFICE.
GENERAL HOLIDAY.
This office will be open for all business from 9 a.m. to 12 noon on Monday, the 9th October, 1922. Licensed Warehouses will be entirely closed on that day.
N. L. SMITH, Superintendent, Imports and Exports.
Hongkong, October 4, 1922.

BANK HOLIDAY.

In accordance with Ordinance No. 5 of 1912, the EXCHANGE BANKS will be closed for the transaction of PUBLIC BUSINESS on MONDAY, the 9th inst.
Hongkong, October 4, 1922.

THE FIRE INSURANCE ASSOCIATION OF HONGKONG.

DEMONSTRATION OF "FIRE FOAM" PATENT EXTINGUISHER.

MEMBERS of the Fire Insurance Association of Hongkong and of the GENERAL PUBLIC are invited to attend a demonstration, on the vacant space in front of the HONGKONG CLUB, at 4 p.m., on FRIDAY, October 6th, 1922, of a patent fire-extinguisher known as "Fire-foam."

By Order,
LOWE, BINGHAM & MATTHEWS,
Secretaries.
Hongkong, October 5, 1922.

HARBOUR RACE.

LADIES on the 9th. GENTLEMEN, on the 10th October.
The Race commences each day at 5 p.m.

Entries for the above close on FRIDAY, the 6th inst., at 6 p.m.
Those intending to compete should send their names with entrance fee of \$1.00 on or before this date to the Hon. Secretary, V.R.C.
A. McKIRDY,
Hon. Secretary.
Hongkong, October 5, 1922.

FOR SALE.

FOR SALE:—Motor boat "Fidus" 46 x 12 x 3-6, teakwood and copper-plated, in good order and condition. Engine 32.40 H.P. Redwing. Speed 7 miles per hour on 2 Galle Kerosene. Price \$1000.00 or nearest offer. Would consider exchange for Car, and Balance in cash or shares. Apply Box 1403 "China Mail."

THE EAST ASIATIC CO., LTD. COPENHAGEN.

The Motorship "ASIA," having arrived. Consignees of Cargo are hereby informed that all goods are being landed and stored at their risk into the hazardous and/or extra hazardous Godowns of the Hongkong & Kowloon Wharf & Godown Co., Ltd., whence delivery may be obtained.
No claims will be admitted after the goods have left the Godowns, and all goods remaining undelivered after the 11th of October, 1922, will be subject to rent.

All broken, chafed and damaged goods are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined by Messrs. Goddard & Douglas on the 11th of October, 1922 at 10 a.m. All claims must reach us before the 14th of October, or they will not be recognized.
No fire insurance will be effected. Bills of Lading will be countersigned by JOHN MANNERS & CO., LTD., Agents.
Hongkong, October 5, 1922.

Chamberlain's Pain Balm.
There is nothing so good for muscular rheumatism, sprains, lacerations, cramps of the muscles, bruises and like injuries as Chamberlain's Pain Balm. It will effect a cure in less than any other treatment. For sale by all Chemists and Storekeepers.

THEATRE ROYAL.

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BIRD LIFE.**COLONY'S FAST VANISHING FAUNA.**

Every person who has travelled in the British Isles or on the continent of Europe and then visited China and Japan notices the great difference in quantity in the bird fauna. Japan is even worse than China; it is practically destitute of birds. When on a walking tour in Japan extending over twelve days and covering varying types of country the present writer once wrote down a list of all the different species of birds met with. They amounted to sixteen different species and not too many individuals even of those. Shortly afterwards when at home in Ireland a similar test was made: more than thirty species were seen on a single afternoon without moving more than 100 yards from the house.

To persons who have any real interest in nature birds and wild flowers form the great joys of the countryside. Their absence or their disappearance is an unspeakable and irreparable loss. The countryside in China and Japan is in this respect a blank compared with the British Isles.

The question naturally arises, what has caused this great disappearance of bird life? And if so, can anything be done to prevent their extermination? It is extremely difficult to say with certainty that any given species of birds is on the decrease. No one really makes a sufficiently careful count of all the species each year to be able to give an absolutely definite answer.

But about Hongkong and especially in the New Territory there seems to be good evidence that most species are on the decrease. If the bird-lover reviews his experiences of the last sixteen or twenty years he must realize the growing scarcity of many species. Ten or fifteen years ago he knew of more places where the beautiful Kingfisher (*Halcyon smyrnensis*) used to breed regularly; or places where the tailor bird (*Troglodytes aedon*) was a regular and constant visitor and breeder; or the haunts of the Oriole; or late where the White Egret was abundant. Three birds may be seen still but they seem to be becoming decidedly less abundant.

There are many causes for this gradual disappearance of these and other birds. The island and the New Territory are being steadily opened up: new roads and paths have been constructed, motor-boats, steam launch and motor car have made many places easy of access which, fifty years ago, were the reward of keen and good pedestrians only. Many of these birds are nervous and shy; the additional traffic and habitation drives them further afield.

But there is far worse than this. The whole territory and the surrounding districts are being shot over to an ever increasing extent. The regular game birds are pursued in season by sportsmen with dogs, etc. This, of course, is only within fixed dates, (except for snipe.) But there can be no doubt about the effect this is having on these game birds.

There is even worse than this. It is a pitiable thing to have to say but nevertheless it is true; all sportsmen don't always play the game. Some shoot practically anything that comes their way. Paddy birds, pigeons, etc. are shot and given to the Chinese servants who eat them eagerly. At one shooting expedition in the Philippines Islands at which I was present, wagtails, woodpeckers, sunbirds, and even the wonderful hornbill (*Buceros bicornis*) were all indiscriminately shot.

In the adjoining country of China no "close season" for birds is observed, nor judging by the disturbed condition of the country, is likely to be observed, for generations to come. At the present rate of extermination in China will be as bare of birds as the Sahara desert before any stable and effective wild birds' protection Acts are in force.

What is there then which can be done? Our duty is plain. Hongkong and the whole New Territory ought to be made an absolute preserve in which no bird of any kind game bird or other should be shot, trapped, decoyed, or injured. At present Hongkong and the various Treaty Ports along the China coast are simply dynastic centres of destruction owing

KOWLOON AFFAIRS.**BETTER POLICE PROTECTION.****BATHING NEXT SUMMER.**

Kowloon residents will be pleased to learn that, in response to a letter of protest regarding the lack of adequate police protection, the Kowloon Residents' Association has received a definite promise from the Government that more police will be stationed in Kowloon. The Government's letter, which was read at the ordinary monthly meeting of the Committee held on Monday evening, further stated that "the recent arrival of recruits from England makes it possible to transfer more Europeans to Kowloon; and the Asiatic Police will be brought fully up to strength on the arrival of the men who are coming from Weihaiwei."

Among the other interesting matters dealt with was a letter from the Government stating that although it could not see its way clear to increase the covered-in accommodation at the children's playground in Chatham Road, such as the Committee had applied for, it had no objection to the erection of additional swings. The Public Works Department is now being consulted on the matter.

It was also reported that in all probability Kowloon will have its own bathing facilities next year although this matter is still in the negotiation stage. It is hoped that before another bathing season comes round arrangements will be completed whereby a swimming pool, with all the necessary dressing accommodation, will have been provided in Hung Hom Bay.

The report of the Hon. Treasurer showed that there had been a further increase in the Association's membership during the past month, whilst the financial position is eminently satisfactory.

to the possibilities of getting cartridges and the precision of the modern shot gun. If the whole New Territory were made an absolute preserve it would be only too small for the salvation of the surrounding district.

If an absolute restriction were put on the destruction of all birds there would be people of course to raise the outcry about the damage birds do, and the danger from birds which are only vermin. This is always exaggerated. Any person who has opened and examined the crops and stomachs of birds knows how hard it is to bring chapter and verse for such an accusation. The magpie, the kite, the sparrow and a few others are local offenders occasionally. They might be left to their natural enemies.

On the other hand the good done by most birds cannot be exaggerated, but, owing to its involved and subtle nature it escapes the notice of all except close observers. Take a local instance. Everybody must have noticed that about 60 per cent of the litchi crop is every year injured or made useless by a grub which develops in the fruit near the stalk. This is the larva of a fly, probably a *Drosophila*. Perhaps the best local enemy of the fly is the white-eye *Zosterops simplex*. But the Chinese trap so many of these birds that they are becoming more scarce. The bird breeds freely here but every nest is robbed, and Chinese are constantly asking if you know of any nests of the young birds. No species could stand such a drain on its reproductive powers in addition to its host of natural enemies.

Another very useful local bird is the We Mei. But again, this is a favourite cage-bird of the Chinese, and many are decoyed and ingeniously trapped by them. Their scarcity is largely to blame for the abundance of pestiferous insects of the grass hopper and other families.

Even if the New Territory and adjoining Islands were made an absolute close preserve there would always be a certain drain on many species by persons who skillfully evade the clutches of the law. Yellow Dragon,

DOWN THE RIVER.**WHITES ESCAPE FROM BESIEGED CITY.****PERILOUS ADVENTURES.**

After the siege of Linchow, described in the Rev. W.H. Oldfield's diary published in yesterday's *China Mail*, the Yunnan soldiers returned their march to Kwangtung. The City rapidly returned to normal. What damage had been done during the siege, was quickly repaired, and peace was soon once more restored to the City. The new sense of security was not to last, for suddenly, one fine day in middle August, just when the City had begun to forget its sufferings, another danger cloud loomed over the horizon. News filtered through that strong bodies of the so-called "People's Army," mostly freebooters, it was said, when the regular garrison soldiers were not about, were closing in on Linchow in two directions. Chilled by the terrible stories which preceded the approaching force the City, deciding that it could expect no mercy, feverishly organized its defences. However, it would have been suicide to remain in the City and face the menace, because the garrison could not be relied upon to give any protection, as the events of the past month had proved. Accordingly, business was again brought to a standstill, people collected all their valuables and fled the City while they could still get away.

Mr. Oldfield, his wife and small children remained to the last moment before making their escape. The attacking force was at the City gates about mid-day on August 26. Credit must be given to the City garrison for making some sort of resistance against the invading hordes, but the resistance was only half-hearted. The siege was a repetition of the previous one, with one difference—the attackers did not have big guns. This enabled the defenders to hold out longer. One thing was certain, however, and that was that they could not hope to repulse the invaders. Arbitration with the enemy, of course, was out of the question.

By evening, it was certain that the City must fall before long. Then Mr. Oldfield decided that it was time to leave. As it was impossible to escape by land, there was nothing for it but to make the 250 miles river trip to Wuchow, the nearest big centre. This at any time was a most perilous undertaking with the "Green Forest" men about. Now of course, it was many times more dangerous but there was no choice.

After some difficulty, Mr. Oldfield succeeded in finding the owner of a small boat who was willing to take the risk. Arrangements were speedily made and under cover of night, all the remaining white people of the City—Mr. and Mrs. Oldfield and their children, another lady and two men—entered the boat. Once the craft had pushed off down river, the party had embarked on a 21 days' journey from which there was no turning back.

Everyone was naturally highly strung, but they resigned themselves to whatever fate awaited them. They did not at first dare to use the paddles for fear of attracting attention, and were content to drift down with the river hugging the bank. No one on board slept a moment during that night. They were constantly alert at every rustle caused by the wind in the bushes. The crack of the rifle was constantly in their ears as they drifted along, gradually growing fainter as the City dropped behind.

After the party had gone about half a mile, they received their first real shock. Suddenly out of the darkness on the other bank of the river came a voice ordering them to come across and submit to search. Everyone naturally thought it was a robber camp they had disturbed. They were greatly relieved to discover the supposed robbers were some soldiers of Linchow's garrison who had managed to escape across the river. The party was recognised and allowed to continue their journey unmolested. The paddles were now used.

ROBBER CAMP.

Several hours later—early the next morning—the boat was again hailed from the shore and once more ordered to stop. This time the party had struck a robber camp right enough, but again fate was kind to them. The chief recognised Mr. Oldfield, a Peace Delegate and the "jossman" of Linchow, and he allowed the party to proceed.

Nothing untoward happened until the afternoon of the following day, when the boat passed a small town and the soldiers ashore opened fire. Luckily the shooting was poor and no one was hit. Mr. Oldfield decided to take no chances, however, and shouted across that they would voluntarily submit to a search. The boat then made for the shore. The soldiers of this garrison town were under a Commander whose headquarters were located in a larger town further down the river. They were therefore not

interested in the fact that Mr. Oldfield was a missionary from Linchow. They boarded the boat, and after pretending to examine it, some of the men hinted openly that they wanted money before the party could continue the journey. Mr. Oldfield emptied his purse, but that was not enough. The other two gentlemen emptied their purses. Still the soldiers were not satisfied. Mrs. Oldfield next emptied her handbag, but even then the greedy soldiers wanted more, and ordered Mr. Oldfield to open his handgrip. This was done. The contents were emptied on to the floor of the boat. Luckily an expensive watch, with a black cover, fell downward, and was not noticed by the soldiers. While they were picking up some silver coins, Mr. Oldfield snatched the watch unobserved and concealed it in the palm of his hand. The soldiers then debated whether or not to take the party's blankets, but finally decided to allow them to keep them. The boat then once more pushed off.

KINDLY ROBBER.

Entering the garrison headquarters some time later, the boat was again held up, and Mr. Oldfield was taken before the Commander. Learning that Mr. Oldfield was a missionary from Linchow, the Commander treated him well, and at his request, gave him his card, with the assurance that Mr. Oldfield's party would be given safe conduct to the end of their journey as the whole of that district was under his control. Mr. Oldfield thanked his new-found friend, and the journey continued.

The party was startled by the sound of the paddles of another boat fast overhauling them. There was only one man in the boat, and when it got within calling distance, Mr. Oldfield was surprised to hear his name shouted. When the boat got alongside, the man proved to be the robber chief whom he had met the day before. By this time, Mr. Oldfield was glad to see anyone who knew him, even though he was a robber chief, and told his friend that they had been robbed by the soldiers of the town just above. The robber chief offered to give Mr. Oldfield some money, but he declined, remarking that it would only be stolen from him again. Instead, Mr. Oldfield told the man that he and his party would appreciate it very much if he would escort them a little distance down the river. This the man agreed to do.

MORE GREEDY SOLDIERS.

When about to pass a little village a little lower down, the boat was called upon to stop by a party of men on the opposite bank, who proved to be disbanded soldiers. The robber chief rebuked them and informed them that Mr. Oldfield was a peace delegate from Linchow, and they must leave his party alone. The ruse worked and they were told to carry on. A little distance lower down, however, they were halted by a number of garrison soldiers on the other bank of the river. They were not impressed by the robber chief's eloquence, and there was no option but to go ashore. Mr. Oldfield, presenting the Commander's card, but the soldiers said they might examine the boat. They had all the baggage opened, and finding that the party had no money, demanded that the boards at the bottom of the boat be removed. The whole party had to get out for this to be done, and when the soldiers saw two bags of rice belonging to the boatman, they announced their intention of taking them. Mr. Oldfield was very obliging, and remarked that he was sure that, "a personal friend of his," would be pleased with him when he learned that he had helped his men with provisions in their time of need. It was a mild way of saying that he would report them to the Commander. The soldiers took the hint and left the rice alone. The boat again got through. A little distance further down the river, the robber chief left the party and returned.

During the rest of the journey, the party was stopped three times, but each time the Commander's card saw them through without even a search. Finally the end of the Red River was reached. Entering the West River, the party was able again to breathe freely.

The trip down the West River was without incident. About a day and a half from Wuchow, the party was overtaken by the Standard Oil Company's launch coming down from Nanking. The party was taken on board, and the last section of the journey was completed in comfort.

The party arrived at Wuchow about the middle of September, after 21 days of anxiety and privation. With reference to the "Wu-han Argus" Hankow's evening paper, which is to make its debut this week, the "Central China Post" (the owners of which are starting the newspaper) say, in the course of a long statement: The reasons for bringing out such a paper at the present time are numerous, and all of them peculiar to itself. It will be a British organ, since all connected with it are of that nationality, but they are not bigotted. It is not intended to support British interests in particular, or the interests of any other country. It has no cause to uphold, and no axe to grind—it does not even expect to accomplish any great reforms in the political, moral or department of the neighbourhood. It is simply intended to be a newspaper which all alike will read with pleasure, so that its promoters may be justified in their hope of receiving a moderate reward for their labours.

"EGRA'S" TYPHOON ADVENTURES.**B.I. BOAT'S ROUGH TRIP.**

The story of how the B.I. steamer "Egra," on which H. E. St. Laurence Guillemard travelled from Hongkong to Singapore, weathered a violent typhoon in the China Sea, was told to a Singapore *Free Press* reporter by officers of the steamer. A few hours after leaving Hongkong the "Egra" encountered the edge of the typhoon and on the following day she lived through six hours of torrential rain, a hurricane wind and mountainous seas in very dangerous proximity to its centre. That she emerged safely from the peril, passengers attribute to the skill and seamanship of the ship's officers; while the officers themselves were in agreement that the fact that the typhoon was passed through without serious damage was also largely because the "Egra" rides higher out of the water than the ordinary type of steamer, which would almost certainly have been severely damaged, if nothing more, in the very tempestuous water that was encountered.

Before the vessel left Hongkong shortly after mid-day on Tuesday information was received from the Observatory of the presence of a typhoon travelling west in the southern parts of the China Sea. Accordingly a course further north, was set with the intention of clearing the typhoon but it was found to be farther north than had been reported. The Gap Rock was passed at about 2.30 and at about 9 o'clock the same day when, about 100 miles from port, the seas started to rise. The "Egra" heaved and steered back on a course for Hongkong, at a reduced speed, with the ship head to sea and wind. The fury of the weather reached its height on Wednesday morning at about 11 o'clock and continued unabated until about 5 p.m. Rain came down in torrents the whole time, the seas swept the bows and the wind was of such velocity that it was impossible to stand against it. All through Wednesday night the bad weather continued, though with decreasing violence and when conditions became normal early on Thursday morning it was found that the vessel was on a level with her original position though more than fifty miles to the eastward. The "Egra" then resumed the voyage to Singapore, where she arrived with her 381 passengers on September 25 instead of on September 23rd.

The "Egra" rode out the series of the typhoon in splendid fashion and she sustained comparatively little damage. Boat fittings and planks were strained, while the wind was of such hurricane force that it flattened together the sides of a galvanised ventilator five feet in diameter. The passengers remained for the greater part of the time below and fortunately nobody was injured. Sleep was impossible and those who attempted it were flung mercilessly from their bunks. Some of the more courageous endeavoured to coax slumber on the deck but the ship was rolling and labouring so heavily owing to the cross seas that there were no better results. The Chinese deck passengers took matters very stolidly, smoking calmly while the typhoon raged. One of the officers who has experienced the violence of weather both east and west of Singapore, stated that he had been through a number of cyclones, but he had never experienced a wind of such force as was experienced by the "Egra." He stated that he observed a tremendous number of swallows being blown past the ship, and on Sunday they came across a swarm of small swallows, absolutely tired out, and they fell down among the deck passengers giving the impression that they had been blown about at sea for a considerable time.

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MUSTAPHA KEMAL PASHA. MAN OF THE HOUR IN TURKEY.

Mr. Chair Price tells the story of Mustapha Kemal Pasha, the man of the hour in Turkey and throughout Asia Minor, the man who was responsible for the National Pact, the man who has upset the Treaty of Sevres and who now as the crowning accomplishment of a wholly astonishing career, has crushed the Greek army and driven it in utter rout from his Fatherland.

Forty years ago, when Abdul Hamid II was Sultan in Grand Constantinople and the Crescent and Star still floated over Salonica, an underling in the Salonica Customs office died, leaving his widow with a small daughter and an infant son on her hands. The son was intended by his mother for the mosque school and the career of a hoja, but he became fascinated by the uniforms of the army officers whom he saw about the streets. In time he succeeded in passing examinations for the military preparatory school at Salonica, where his mathematics teacher became so fond of him that he left off calling him by his given name of Mustapha and dubbed him Kemal, a Turkish name meaning rightness. To-day the name by which his mathematics teacher once knew him as a soft boy at Salonica has become a name by which the world knows him as a man of iron at the mud town of Angora in Asia Minor. To-day Abdul Hamid, Enver Pasha and Damad Ferid Pasha, one after the other have dropped out of the story, although for the first twenty-eight years of Mustapha Kemal Pasha's life—he is forty one—Abdul Hamid looms above him like a great black dinn above a wanderer on a lonely horizon.

ADRIANOPLE.

The military preparatory school at Salonica, the officers' school at Monastir, and the War Academy at Constantinople finally graduated Kemal, a head-strong youth of twenty-two into the army with the rank of lieutenant.

During the years when the Empire was crumbling to its end, Kemal's life was that of the Turkish army officer. Enver exiled him to Tripoli, Izzet Pasha returned him to Salonica. Mahmoud Shevket took him to Albania, and Enver sent him back to Tripoli to command native irregulars during the war with Italy. Without British support the crash of the old Empire had begun. During the first Balkan war Kemal was permitted to twiddle his thumbs on the Dardanelles, but it was he who was called on to recapture Adrianople when the opportunity offered. When Enver joined Germany in 1914 in a last desperate gamble for the life of the Empire, Kemal threw up his post of military attaché at Sofia and returned to Constantinople still a young man but a man with a brilliant past, a hatred of Enver which was both personal and political, and a degree of personal prestige which made it no longer possible to disregard him.

KEMAL'S FORESIGHT.

Kemal was convinced from the first that the Empire was in no condition to enter the war, but Enver gave him the Nineteenth Division and dispatched him to the Dardanelles, possibly hoping that a British bullet might put an end to him. Here Kemal's light military abilities and the unvarying luck which had become proverbial of him eventually gave him command of the entire Turkish-German force on the peninsula. Alarmed at his popularity, Liman von Sanders secured Kemal's transfer to the Russian front as soon as the British had evacuated the Dardanelles. On the Russian front Kemal was appointed major general and given the Sixteenth Army, but he came into speedy conflict with Falkenhayn over the project to recapture Baghdad from the British. Throwing up his command in protest, Kemal returned to Aleppo and on September 30, 1917, dispatched to Enver a lengthy statement of his position. In this remarkable statement written at a moment when the entire country was expecting a German victory, Kemal declared that the corruption of the Government at Constantinople, the disruption of the economic life, and the constant drainage of the country's gold away to Germany, could have but one end.

AT ANGORA.

The Greek occupation of Smyrna led Kemal to tear up the Mu'ros armistice, but he continued to direct his efforts toward the building up of a Nationalist majority in the Parliament at Constantinople. He now moved his headquarters to Angora, a town of mud and malaria which happened to be within easy communication of Constantinople both by rail and wire. Here a group of twelve leaders of his now powerful Nationalist Party drew up the National Pact and dispatched it to Ferid's Parliament in Constantinople, which adopted it on January 28, 1920, "declaring the principles therein announced to be

the limit of sacrifice to which the Ottoman Parliament can consent to go in order to assure itself a just and lasting peace."

Kemal set up a solidly Nationalist Parliament at Angora. The Grand National Assembly was convened at Angora for the sole purpose of executing the National Pact, and in the remnant of the great Empire over which Abdul Hamid had once wielded his absolute rule, Field-Marshal Mustapha Kemal Pasha had finally become master. Thereafter Ferid lasted long enough at Constantinople to see the Sevres Treaty signed at Paris on August 11, but when it became apparent that he would be unable to ratify it he was finally dropped from office.

Bottled up in Asia Minor, the Assembly's only military contact with the Greeks was the frontal contact of the line from Eski Shehr to Afium. With a British military mission now attached to the Greek high command, the Greeks encircled the left flank of the makeshift Turkish forces in front of Afium, and sent them pell-mell into a disastrous retreat. Some seventy-five miles to the rear and only forty miles in front of Angora itself, they reformed on a north-south line along the Sakaria River, where Mustapha Kemal Pasha himself took command. Here the Greeks sought again to encircle their left, but Kemal pulled down his forces to meet them. Crossing the Sakaria, south of the Turkish lines, the Greeks drove some fifty miles due east in a vain attempt to find the Turkish left. With the Turkish positions now shifted to an east-west line at a distance of some fifty miles southwest of Angora, the Greeks hampered away for forty-one days in an effort to break through—a struggle which some day will be appreciated as one of the world's historic battles. In Kemal's career it was almost as brilliant an episode as his victory before Anafarta in 1915.

A PERSONALITY.

Before and since the Genoa Conference Kemal's chief anxiety is to recover on that new basis of equality which is laid down in the National Pact—the understanding with England which Abdul Hamid lost in 1907. The now defunct Sevres Treaty was the logical result of a sequence of leadership in Turkey which descended from Abdul Hamid to Enver Damad Ferid. The ruin of Turkey to-day—whether it be just or unjust is irrelevant here—was accomplished under their leadership and not under Kemal's. History has not yet written its verdict on Kemal.

I never think of Kemal without recalling him as I saw and talked with him last in a small room off the corridor of the Assembly building at Angora—a man with a face of iron beneath a great iron-grey kalpak. In an English shooting suit of weed with a grey stock collar and a grey tie he sat back of his desk with the limp folds of a tall green banner inscribed with Turkish letters of gold in the corner behind him. His eyes were hard and blue, his mouth was hard and thin-

KILKENNY CATS.

THE TALE OF TWO TAILS.

When two people cannot agree, and are always at loggerheads, a description of them as "quarrelsome as Kilkenny cats" has become proverbial.

The story as commonly told is that two cats of Kilkenny fought so long and so furiously, refusing to desist, that naught was found of them but two tails!

A writer in "Notes and Queries" some years ago gave an explanation as to how the saying arose.

During the rebellion which occurred in 1798 (or may be in 1803) Kilkenny was garrisoned by a regiment of Hessian soldiers, whose custom it was to tie together in one of their barracks two cats by their respective tails, and then to throw them face to face across a line generally used for drying clothes.

The cats naturally became infuriated, and scratched each other in the abdomen until death ensued to one or both of them, and terminated their sufferings. The officers of the corps were ultimately made acquainted with these barbarous acts of cruelty, and they resolved to put an end to them, and to punish the offenders.

In order to effect this purpose an officer was ordered to inspect each barracks-room daily, and to report to the commanding officer in what state he found the room. The cruel soldiers, determined not to lose the daily torture of the wretched cats, generally employed one of their comrades to watch the approach of the officer in order that the cats might be liberated and take refuge in flight before the visit of the officer to the scene of their torture.

On one occasion the "look out man" neglected his duty, and the officer of the day was heard ascending the barracks stairs while the cats were undergoing their customary torture. One of the troops immediately seized a sword from the arm-rack, and with a single blow divided the tails of the two cats.

The cats, of course, escaped through the open windows of the room, which was entered almost immediately afterwards by the officer who inquired what was the cause of the two bleeding cats' tails being suspended on the clothes line, and was told in reply that "two cats had been fighting in the room; that it was found impossible to separate them and that they fought so desperately that they had devoured each other up with the exception of their two tails."

lipped and the flash of much gold in his lower teeth gave sparkle to the hard incisiveness of his manner as he talked. He was a man of iron in a situation which would break any man of less durable metal. Kemal is a man who sees things as they are. To me he is one of the hardest and soberest leaders in the world to-day.

MISHEL PIASTRO.

CITY HALL VIOLIN RECITAL.

Mishel Piastro is not unknown in Hongkong and his recitals of a few years ago in conjunction with M. Miravitch are still remembered. In the large sphere of the Theatre one realised to the full the beauties this able executant was able to bring forth from his instrument. In the lesser space of the old Chamber of Commerce Room last night one knew that with the lapse of time M. Piastro has if anything gained, both as an executant and an interpreter. A happily blended programme was submitted and the light and more understandable of the items found a ready place beside the extremely classical. In this respect the centre pieces consisting of "The Lark," Edward Elgar's "La Capricieuse," an arrangement of Chamade's "Spanish Serenade" by Kreiser, and the haunting "Hindoo Chant" of Rimsky-Korsakoff were much enjoyed. Mishel Piastro's touch is sure; his insistence on the effort faithfully to portray the picture as the Composer has in mind is constant; the artist effaces himself in his work and the result is a thing of sheer beauty. This was revealed in the two heavier pieces which opened the programme—Cesar Frank's A. Major Sonata and Weinawsky's Second Concerto in D. Minor. The former is in four movements. The first gives the motif which is developed through the other movements until the chrysalis of sound is broken and the Sonata ends in a beautiful and captivating melody. The feeling is that the Composer has at last captured the fancy of his imagination and joy abounds. Weinawsky's D. Minor Concerto is notable for its gypsy-like ending, and M. Piastro brought out to the full the abandon of the last movement. The "Lonely Wanderer" of Grieg, arranged for the Violin by M. Piastro, played on muted strings was not the least of a splendid programme which concluded with Bazzini's somewhat "freakwork" piece, the "Witch's Dance."

Mr. Piastro had the advantage of Mr. Harry Ore's assistance at the piano and the work of this artist alike in its restraint and sympathy was beyond question.

The audience might well have been larger for such a notable occasion. It was certainly appreciative.

TYPHOON WARNING.

The telegram quoted below was received by the local American Consulate General from the Manila Observatory at 1.20 p.m. October 5, 1922.

Cyclone or typhoon north or over the northern Ladrones or Mariana Islands moving N.W. or N.N.W.

Cyclone or typhoon N.E. of Luzon direction unknown.

SLUMP IN MARRIAGE.

REGISTRAR GENERAL'S STRIKING FIGURES.

The outstanding feature of the Registrar General's latest quarterly return of vital statistics, is the striking drop in the number of marriages. During the three months ending March 31, the last date up to which general statistics are available, marriages in England and Wales only amounted to 10.8 per thousand of the population. This is a decrease of 6.8 per thousand on the preceding quarter. There is, of course, a fashion in weddings, and they are always fewest in the opening quarter of the year, so that it might be said that comparison of the first three months of 1922 with the last three months of 1921 is not a safe guide to general tendencies. But if the comparison is made with the same period in previous years the result is not less striking. Against the 10.8 per thousand in the first quarter of 1922 we have 16.3 in 1921, and 14.8 in 1920. We must, in fact, go back ten years, to the first three months of 1912, to find a lower marriage rate. In that year it was only 9.5, but in the subsequent quarters there was a rapid increase, the figures being 15.5 per thousand in the second quarter 1912 in the third, 17.7 in the closing months of the year. Will a similar recovery be experienced this year, and shall we find some of the leeway lost in the quarter under review made up in its successors? One may venture the prediction that this is very unlikely. The slump in marriage is one of the slump in industry, and there is not likely to be much change as long as the industrial condition of the country remains as it is. Nor, perhaps, is it desirable that there should. The greatest advocate of the population theory can scarcely welcome marriages where adequate means of subsistence may be lacking.

The sudden drop which these statistics record is more than seasonal. It comes at the end of a period when weddings were quite abnormally popular. In 1919 and 1920 there was a boom, due mainly to the return of millions of soldiers to civil life, and helped greatly by the pseudo-prosperity of the first post-war years. The boom may be dated from the second quarter of 1919, when 101,000 marriages were recorded. In the third quarter the figures mounted up to 106,000, and in the fourth quarter returned to 101,000. Then, after a comparative relapse in the opening months of 1920, they rose in the June quarter of that year to 129,797, and in the September quarter to 109,947. Since then there has been a gradual fall. There were in all 339,411 marriages in 1919, and 379,982 in 1920. In 1921 there was a drop of 50,000, the number recorded being 320,786. This year is almost certain to see an equal or greater decrease. It may be said

with some degree of assurance that the post-war marriage boom is now definitely ended. In births, where the returns now presented are for the June quarter, there has been a decrease of 24,736 on the corresponding period of last year. But this has not prevented a total increase of the population of England and Wales by 80,235, which is, perhaps, as much as the country can support under present circumstances. It is curious to observe the strict parallelism that marks the proportion of the sexes in deaths and births. During the month April, May, and June, 1,046 boys were born to each 1,000 girls, and 1,045 males of all ages died to each 1,000 females. The net result, as far as the distribution of the sexes in the total population is concerned, is that in those three months the numerical preponderance of females has been reduced by 1,827. Thus in a very slow and gradual way Nature is working to restore the balance of the sexes upset so heavily by the war. The death-rate shows a slight increase on the second quarter of last year, but a very welcome decrease of five per thousand on the first three months of this year, when it mounted to 17.7. That high figure was to a great extent accounted for by influenza and the prevalence of infectious diseases.

HONGKONG TIDES.

Tide tables given below have been compiled at the National Almanac Office in London from the results of the observations taken by means of an automatic tide-recording machine in the Water Police Basin at Victoria Harbour during the years 1913-19.

The zero of the table corresponds with the zero of the sounding in the Admiralty chart, which has been found to be 4 feet 6 inches below mean low water.

October 3 to 9.			
HIGH WATER		LOW WATER	
Time	Height	Time	Height
Mon. 3	10.15	1.15	1.15
Tues. 4	10.15	1.15	1.15
Wed. 5	10.15	1.15	1.15
Thurs. 6	10.15	1.15	1.15
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WEATHER REPORT.

October 5d. 11h. 42m. Pressure has increased moderately at Wladivostok, and decreased slightly at the majority of other stations.

The anticyclone is now central over S. Manchuria. The Guam typhoon appears to be moving N.W. At 6 a.m. this morning it was about Lat 17 N. and Long. 143 E.

Fresh monsoon may be expected along the S.E. coast of China and moderate monsoon over the N. China Sea.

Hongkong rainfall for the 24 hours ending at 10 a.m. to-day, 0.3 inch. Total since January 1st, 89.9 inches against an average of 77.0 inches.

Forecast for the 24 hours ending at noon on October 6, 1922.

1.—Formosa Channel. N.E. winds strong.

2.—South coast of China between Hongkong and Lamook. N.E. winds moderate to fair.

3.—Hongkong to Cap Rock. N.E. winds moderate to fair.

4.—South coast of China between Hongkong and Hainan. N.E. winds, moderate to fair.

ROYAL OBSERVATORY, HONGKONG. DAILY WEATHER REPORT.

OCTOBER 5, 1922.—a.m.

Station.	Hour.	Barometer at Sea Level.	Temperature.	Humidity.	Direction.	Force.	Weather.
Victoria Peak	5	30.3	82	—	E	4	b
Victoria Peak	6	30.3	82	—	E	4	b
Victoria Peak	7	30.3	82	—	E	4	b
Victoria Peak	8	30.3	82	—	E	4	b
Victoria Peak	9	30.3	82	—	E	4	b
Victoria Peak	10	30.3	82	—	E	4	b
Victoria Peak	11	30.3	82	—	E	4	b
Victoria Peak	12	30.3	82	—	E	4	b
Victoria Peak	13	30.3	82	—	E	4	b
Victoria Peak	14	30.3	82	—	E	4	b
Victoria Peak	15	30.3	82	—	E	4	b
Victoria Peak	16	30.3	82	—	E	4	b
Victoria Peak	17	30.3	82	—	E	4	b
Victoria Peak	18	30.3	82	—	E	4	b
Victoria Peak	19	30.3	82	—	E	4	b
Victoria Peak	20	30.3	82	—	E	4	b
Victoria Peak	21	30.3	82	—	E	4	b
Victoria Peak	22	30.3	82	—	E	4	b
Victoria Peak	23	30.3	82	—	E	4	b
Victoria Peak	24	30.3	82	—	E	4	b

O. W. JEFFRIES, Director.

Hongkong Observatory, Oct. 5, 1922.

1. Barometer, reduced to 32 degrees Fahrenheit, on the level of the sea in inches, tenths and hundredths.
2. Temperature, in the shade in degrees Fahrenheit.
3. Humidity, in percentage of saturation from the humidity of air saturated with moisture being 100.
4. Direction of Wind, to two points.
5. Force of Wind, according to Beaufort Scale.
6. State of Sky, in blue sky, or detached clouds, or drizzling rain, or fog, or gloomy, or hail, or lightning, or overcast, or passing showers, or squalls, or rain, or snow, or thunder, or visibility in feet, or wet.
7. Rain in inches tenths and hundredths.

HONGKONG REGISTER.

Previous day at 7 a.m.	On date at 7 a.m.	On date at 11 a.m.	On date at 3 p.m.
Barometer ...	29.93	29.92	29.93
Temperature ...	79	72	82
Humidity ...	67	91	53
Direction of Wind ...	—	—	—
Force ...	2	1	1
Weather ...	—	—	—
Rain ...	0.18	0.00	0.61

Highest open air temperature on the 4th 79. Lowest open air temperature on the 4th 72.

T. F. CLARKSON, Director.

Hongkong Observatory, Oct. 5, 1922.

HONGKONG TIME SIGNALS.

The Time Ball on Kowloon Signal Hill is dropped daily at 10 a.m. and 4 p.m. except on Saturdays when it is dropped at 10 a.m. and 1 p.m., and on Sundays and Holidays when it is dropped at 10 a.m.

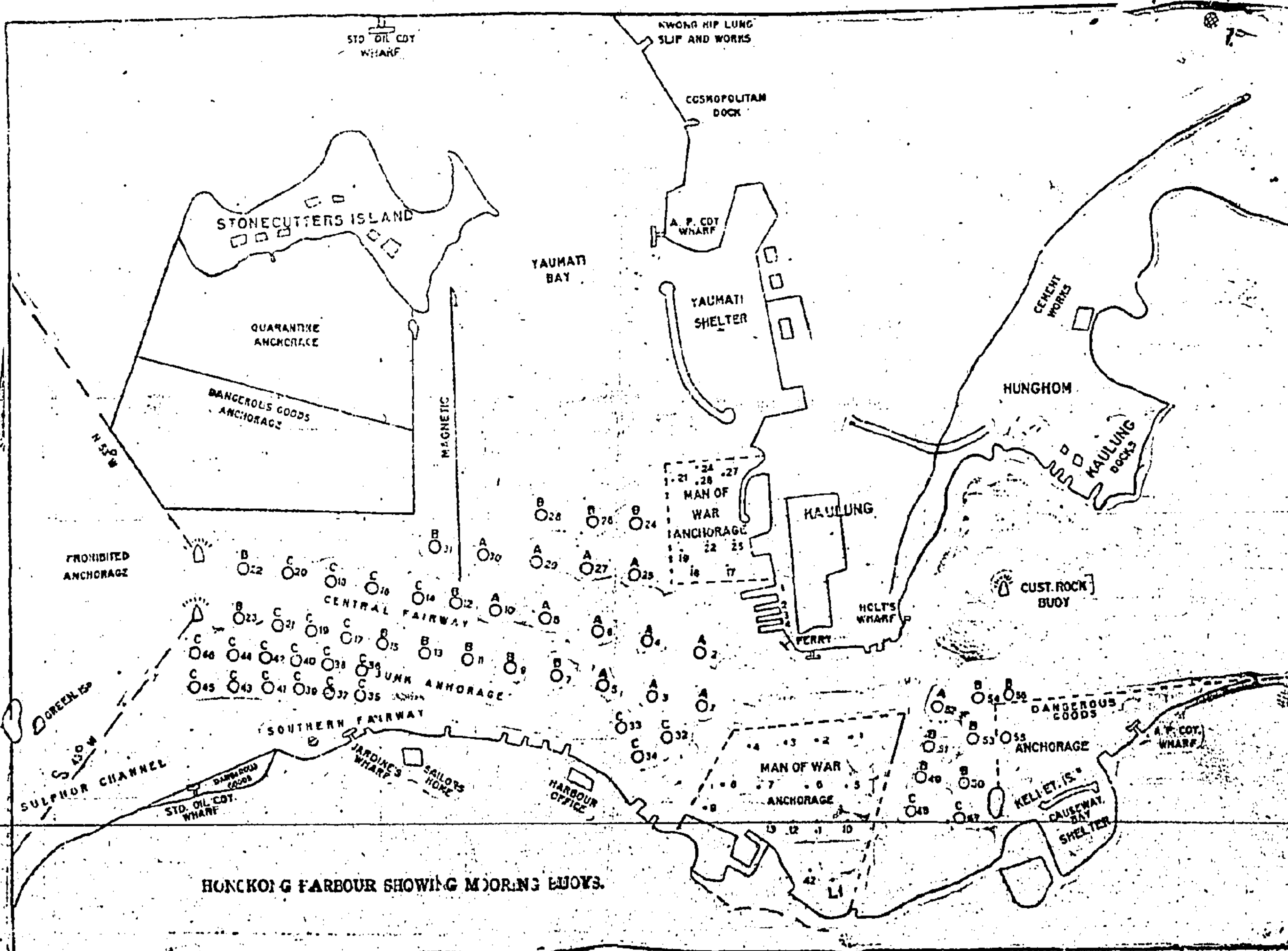
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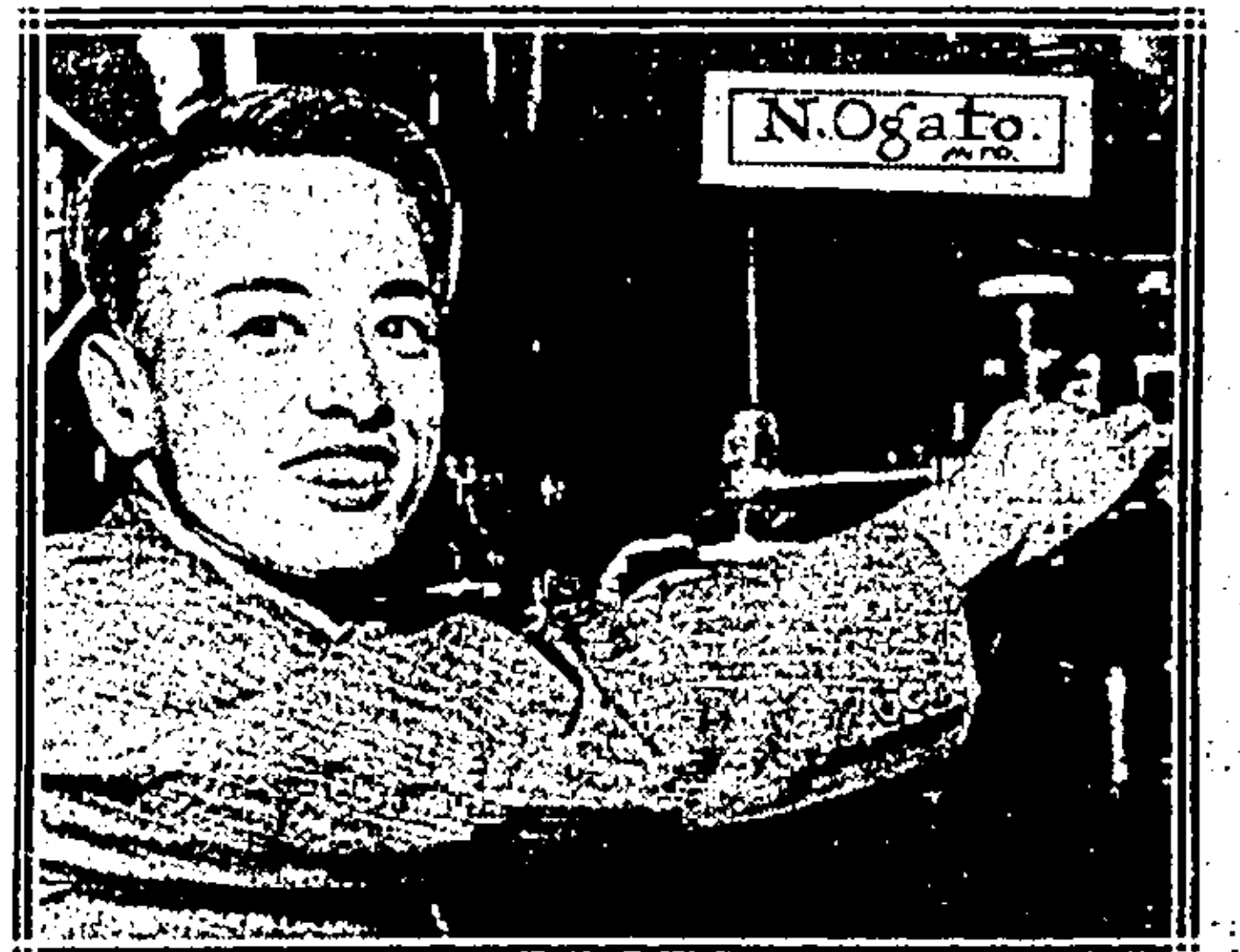
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Markings on Mars.
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From	Day	Time
Australia and Manila	FRIDAY, OCTOBER 6.	
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MONDAY, OCTOBER 9.		
Japan		
Tuesday, October 10.		
Calcutta and Straits		
WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 11.		
Australia and Manila		
THURSDAY, OCTOBER 12.		
Straits		
Japan		

OUTWARD MAILS.

To	Day	Time
Samshui and Wuchow	THURSDAY, OCTOBER 5.	4 p.m.
Amoy		5 p.m.
Shanghai and North China		5 p.m.
Palhoi and Haiphong		5 p.m.
Philippine Islands		5 p.m.
Swatow, Amoy and Takao		5 p.m.
Saigon		5 p.m.
Fort Bayard, Hoibow and Haiphong	FRIDAY, OCTOBER 6.	8 a.m.
Bangkok		8 a.m.
Swatow and Amoy		8 a.m.
Sandakan		8 a.m.
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Philippine Islands, Sandakan, Australia and New Zealand via Thursday Island—due Thursday Island 30th Oct. Registration 12.45 p.m. Letters 1.30 p.m.		
Philippine Islands		3 p.m.
Swatow and Bangkok		3.30 p.m.
Saigon		5 p.m.
Haiphong		5 p.m.
Hoibow		5 p.m.
SATURDAY, OCTOBER 7.		
Shanghai and North China		10.30 a.m.
Japan		3.30 p.m.
Hoibow		5 p.m.
SUNDAY, OCTOBER 8.		
Haiphong		9 a.m.
MONDAY, OCTOBER 9.		
Shanghai and Japan		8.30 a.m.
Swatow, Amoy and Keelung		8 a.m.
Weihsien, Chafu and Tientsin		8 a.m.
Hoibow, Palhoi and Haiphong		8 a.m.
Philippine Islands		8 a.m.
Straits and Egypt		9 a.m.
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 10.		
Swatow and Bangkok		10.30 a.m.
Swatow, Amoy and Keelung		3.30 p.m.
Haiphong		5 p.m.
Yinchow		5 p.m.
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THURSDAY, OCTOBER 12.		
Japan		9.30 a.m.
Shanghai		2.30 p.m.
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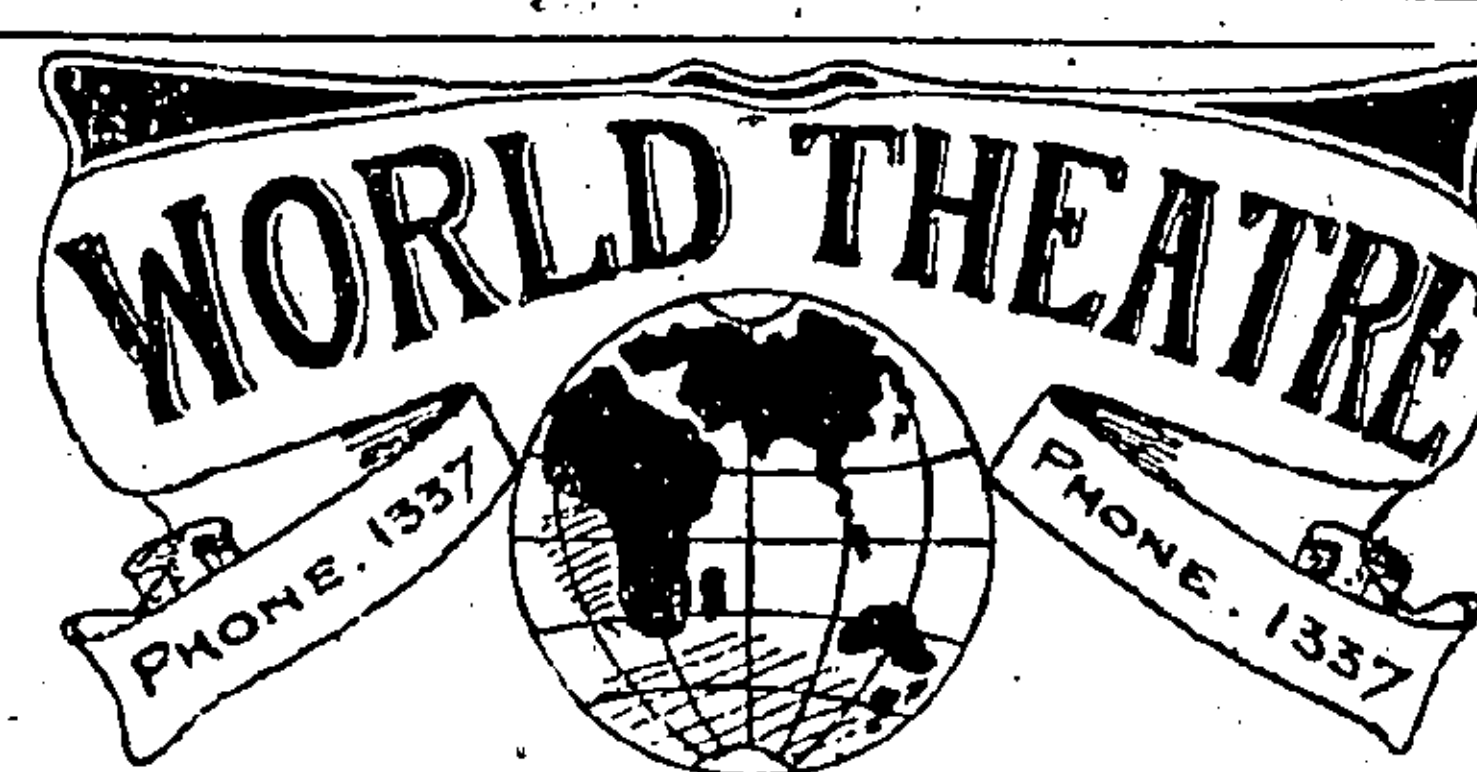
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